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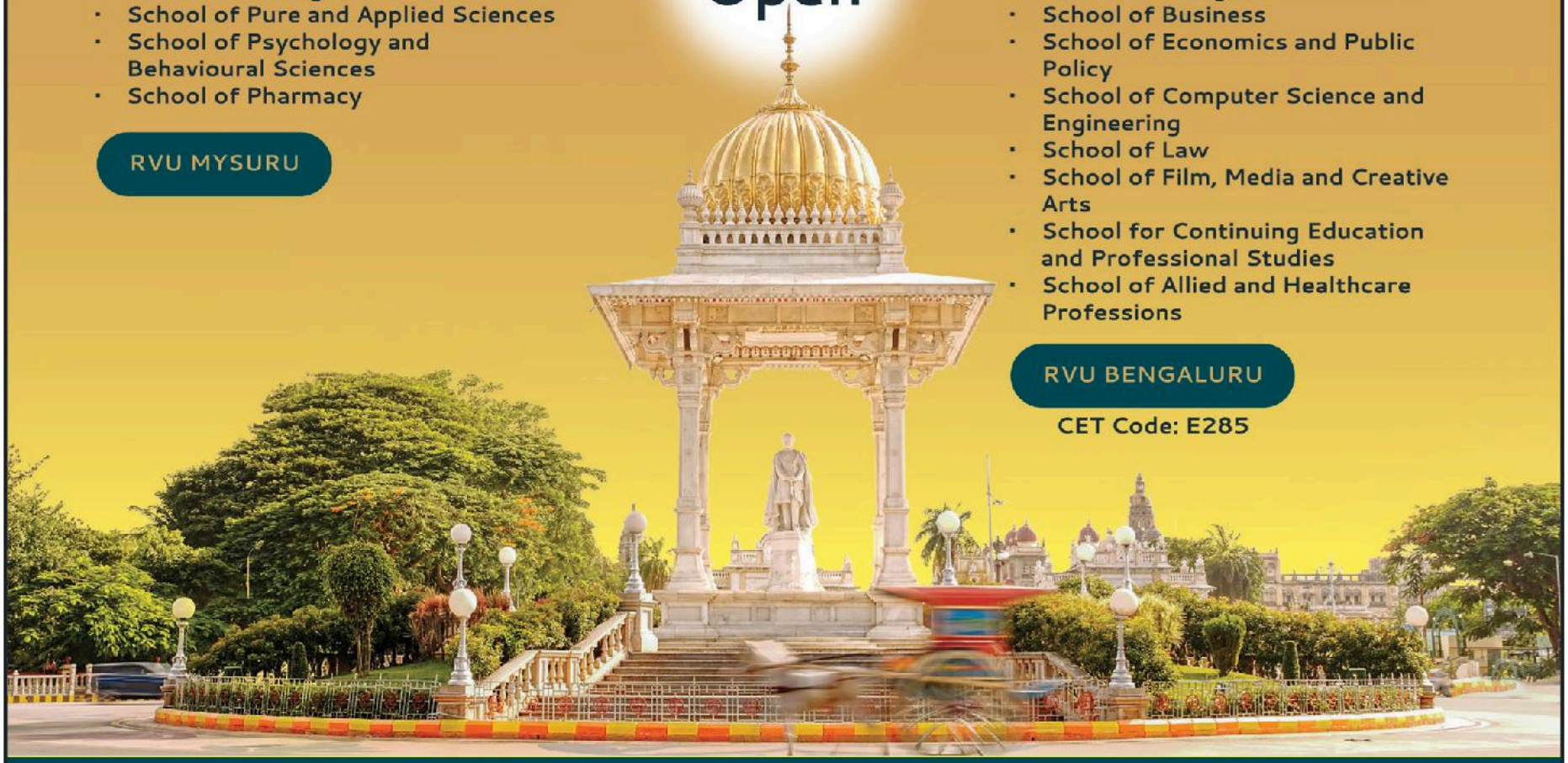

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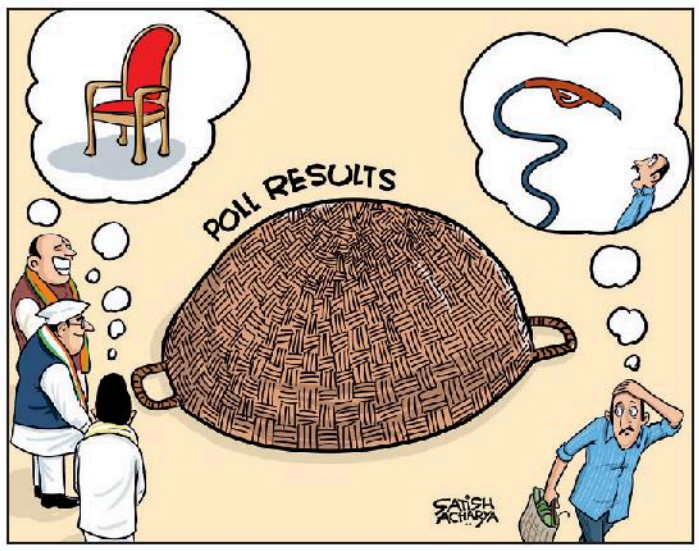
Mysuru, Monday 4th May 2026

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SELF-WORTH IN AN AGE OF VANITY: ***It is a sign of the times where insecurity, poor self-esteem and a huge inferiority complex drive one to believe that only looks matter. Where loneliness in the midst of plenty, which plagues modern society, leads one to focus on extreme measures to enhance physical appearance, seeking attention. Tragically, what this also results in is an egoistic male who treats the female sex with disrespect. Misogyny abounds.***

And this in turn has spawned a new lexicon based on contempt, running down the other. A lexicon where you are focused on 'mogging,' on becoming a 'chad,' where you are constantly 'maxing.' A lexicon where 'mogging' means trying to look superior even as you try to become a 'chad,' meaning that you think you look the hottest in your attempt, even as you are 'maxxing,' meaning physical self-improvement taken to an extreme. The whole focus is on 'looksmaxxing,' which, as the term suggests, means improving one's looks — even if it means physical abuse, surgical intervention and chemicals. Peptides for a smoother skin, meth to suppress hunger and testosterone to grow muscle. The global beauty industry are major culprits with their misleading, irresponsible advertisements and focus on things ephemeral.

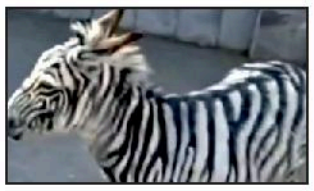
Education is critical in letting an individual appreciate that beauty is only skin deep. That the true value of an individual is reflected in the way he conducts himself in society. Where empathy and good manners are important, where a person is self-aware and has a strong sense of the self but has moved away from ego-driven conduct. Such a person is an asset to society — and, more importantly, confident and contributes to society. The role of the family is critical — families inculcate in an individual a sense of sharing, of caring, of loving. A family provides the emotional support which gives the necessary stability in a person's life. It helps in the socialisation process.

Take care of yourself by all means and be presentable; be modest, which we should never forget, does not mean thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less and more of persons around you. And read Oscar Wilde's classic cautionary tale of Dorian Grey, whose obsession with beauty led to moral decay. We have enough Narcissuses in modern society and do not need further additions to this number.

—Najib Shah in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

'Escaped zebra' was a painted donkey!



Yerevan: Officials at a zoo in Armenia said reports of a zebra that escaped from the facility were the result of a donkey that had been painted black and white as a prank.

Police in Yerevan, the nation's capital, received information Friday morning that a zebra had escaped from the Yerevan Zoo and was wandering loose Myasnikyan Avenue.

The zoo later released a statement explaining the animal was not actually from the facility — and wasn't even a zebra. The zoo warned against similar stunts, saying chemical dyes can be toxic to animals and cause health problems.

"A citizen, whose identity is currently being determined by law enforcement, painted his donkey with stripes and took it to Myasnikyan Avenue to film a video. I would like to inform you that the zebras at the Zoo are safe and in their free enclosure," a zoo official said.

Sheep gives birth to rare sextuplets

Underhill: A sheep owned by O'Connor, who runs Clover & Bee Farm in Underhill, Vermont, with her husband, Gunnar, gave birth to a rare batch of six lambs earlier this month. The sextuplets and their mother are all doing well.

"I was a little bit suspicious, just given how big she was and that she was going a little earlier, that she might have more than two. Six is great, but it's definitely — it's plenty," O'Connor said.

The lambs, which are partially the Finnsheep breed, are named the numbers one through six in Finnish. Their mother is named Teemu after Finnish hockey player and Hockey Hall of Famer Teemu Selänne. Sources differ on how uncommon sheep sextuplets are, with O'Connor putting the number around 1 in 1,000 and some agricultural websites placing it at one in a million or higher. Vermont Sheep & Goat Association said that they found only one shepherd had a sheep give birth to so many lambs.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Salt & Electrolyte Balance

Excess sweating leads to loss of essential salts. Maintain a balanced intake, avoid both over-restriction and excess salt consumption.

By Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology - Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

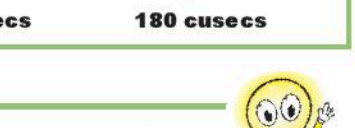
'War and Peace' Cartoon Expo to mark World Cartoonists Day

Nagendra Babu

Mysuru, May 4- As part of World Cartoonists Day celebrations, 'War and Peace' Cartoon Expo by *SOM* Cartoonist & Fulbrighter M.V. Nagendra Babu has been organised at Mysore Art Gallery on Ramanuja Road in city tomorrow (May 5) at 10.30 am, under the aegis of Banter Babu Publication, Mysuru.

Pramati Educational Institutions Founder H.V. Rajeev will inaugurate the expo. Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal will deliver the keynote address. Sculptor L. Shivalingappa will preside.

Art patron & senior social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee will be present.



WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **92.28 feet**	Today's level **2,256.92 feet**	Today's level **2,827.25 feet**
Last year's level **94.55 feet**	Last year's level **2,264.07 feet**	Last year's level **2,831.94 feet**
Yesterday's level **92.49 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,257.11 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,827.29 feet**
Today's Inflow **99 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **110 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **190 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,493 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The sharpest teeth in history didn't belong to sharks or even dinosaurs. They came from Conodonts — tiny eel-like creatures that lived 500 to 200 million years ago. Their tooth tips were just two micrometres wide, about 1/20th the width of a human hair, making them the sharpest ever measured.***
- ***Conodonts was soft-bodied with 15-19 mineralised, tooth-like elements located in the head, likely used for feeding, not biting. They lived in various marine habitats, from shallow seas to deep oceans.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Dino: *I haven't slept all night in the train.*
Sam: *Why?*
Dino: *I had an upper berth.*
Sam: *Why didn't you exchange it?*
Dino: *There was nobody in the lower bunk to change it with!!*

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ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

WEST BENGAL

BJP sweeps past TMC

New Delhi, May 4 (Agencies)- Counting of votes for the 2026 Assembly elections in West Bengal, Assam, Keralam, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry is underway since 8 am today, with early trends throwing up a few major surprises. Among the standout developments is the performance of actor-turned-politician Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), which has surged ahead in Tamil Nadu, putting it in the lead over both the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK).

In West Bengal, the ruling All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) led by Mamata Banerjee appears to be facing a strong challenge from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has taken an early lead in a majority of Constituencies.

TAMIL NADU

Vijaya for TVK's Vijay

The counting of votes in progress at Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata, West Bengal this morning.

Bengal remains the most closely watched battleground. In Bhabanipur, Mamata Banerjee is leading over her nearest BJP rival Suvendu Adhikari. He, however, continues to maintain an advantage in Nandigram.

KERALAM

UDF stages comeback

The election is significant for two reasons. First, West Bengal has historically resisted the BJP's expansion.

Second, the polls come in the backdrop of a political row over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, which reportedly led to the removal of around 89 lakh voters, about 11.6 percent of the State's electorate.

"They will first show their results... this is the BJP's plan. Wait and watch. We are with you. We will fight like the cubs of a tiger. We will win after sunset," said Mamata Banerjee in a video, alleging that the BJP is feeding "false news" and showing only their results.

In Tamil Nadu, TVK's emergence has turned the contest into a three-cornered fight, with the party leading in over 110 seats in early trends.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's DMK is trailing behind both TVK and AIADMK, despite entering the polls as the favourite after strong performances in the 2019 and 2024 Lok Sabha elections and the 2021 Assembly polls.

ASSAM

BJP set for hat-trick term

The AIADMK, still rebuilding after the death of its former leader J. Jayalalithaa in 2016, had faced questions over leadership under former Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami, as well as its renewed alliance with the BJP.

In Puducherry, All India NR Congress-led NDA is ahead and looking to retain power while in Assam, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma of BJP appears set for a second term. The Congress, meanwhile, is struggling in early trends.

PUDUCHERRY

NDA on course to majority

While the stage had appeared set for the DMK to secure a second consecutive term in Tamil Nadu, early trends suggest that voters may be opting for a new political alternative, reshaping the State's long-standing Dravidian political landscape.

TVK eyes power in very first elections

Six-decade DMK-AIADMK dominance faces disruption in Tamil Nadu

Chennai, May 4 (Agencies)- If actor-turned-politician 'Ilayathalapathy' Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), which has emerged as the single largest party in early trends in Tamil Nadu and is within striking distance of the halfway mark, manages to sustain its lead, it could mark a watershed moment not just for the State but for Indian politics as well.

Actor-politician Vijay

Indian politics has rarely seen a party capture power in its very first election, especially within a year of its formation.

TVK's surge signals a potential shift in Tamil Nadu's political landscape, long dominated by Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam over the past six decades. If trends hold, the State could be on the cusp of a historic transition.

(See TVK on page 7)

KARNATAKA BY-ELECTIONS

Congress retains Bagalkot and Davanagere South

Umesh Meti

Samarth Shamanur

Bengaluru, May 4- Even as the Congress party faced rout in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Assam Assembly polls, except for Keralam, where it is all set to form the next government along with its alliance partners, the party had some reasons to smile in Karnataka as it managed to retain both Bagalkot and Davanagere South Assembly Constituencies during the counting of votes this morning for the by-polls held on April 9.

In Bagalkot, Congress candidate Umesh Meti, son of late H.Y. Meti, who had won during the 2023 Assembly polls, won by a massive margin of 22,867 votes against BJP's Veeranna Charantimuth. While Umesh polled a total of 97,941 votes, Charantimuth managed to secure only 76,075 votes.

(See CONGRESS on page 7)

VILLA PLOTS
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NEWS BRIEFS

Courses for SSLC passed

The Department of Industrial Training and Employment has invited applications (online/offline) for various courses from those who have passed SSLC examinations for the posts of Meritum Reservation Fitter, Turner, Electrician and E/M admissions. Candidates can submit their applications before May 8. They can also obtain applications from the Office and submit the filled in forms. For details, contact via e-mail: ***gitim8@gmail.com*** or call Ph: 0821-2950951 or visit website ***www.gitibelavadi.in***, according to a press release.

Tailoring training

Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation has invited applications from unemployed Scheduled Caste Bhovi youths (men and women) to provide self-employment opportunities and help them to become financially independent. The Corporation intends to provide free training and sewing machines will be provided to the beneficiaries. The free training programme will be inaugurated at 10 am on May 5 at Karnataka Skill Training Centre, near Ramalingeshwara Temple, Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru.

Applications invited

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the posts of Shorthand Typists Grade III (4 posts), Typists/ Copiers (3), Messenger Delivery Staff (11) and Attenders (75 posts) at the Office of District and Sessions Court in Mysuru. Interested persons can apply through official website links of State Judicial Department — ***https://mysuru.dcourts.gov.in/notice-category/recruitment/*** or ***https://karnatakajudiciary.kar.nic.in*** or ***districtrecruitment.asp*** — before May 31.

Ph.D awardees

Ayisha Jamal has been awarded Ph.D in Political Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Karnatakadalli Alpasankhyathara Samajika Mattu Shaikshanika Abhivrudhi - Chamarajanagara Jilleya Muslimaru : Ondu Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. A.O. Manu.

G. Asmathunnisa has been awarded Ph.D in Law by Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi, for her thesis 'A Critical Evaluation of Processual Dimensions of Trial of Offences Against Women' [Guide: Prof. C.S. Patil].

Baby among three killed in car-lorry collision

Gundlupet, May 4 (SOMG& KS)- A three-year-old baby is among three persons, who lost their lives in a road accident between a truck transporting mud illegally and a car near Maddayyanahundi in the taluk yesterday. Seven persons have sustained serious injuries and are admitted to a hospital.

The deceased have been identified as Nasir (35), Nasira (45) and Mohi (3), all residents of Kannur in Kerala. Those seriously injured are 22-year-old Sania Mirza, 30-year-old Muneer, 26-year-old Nihal, 34-year-old Bilal, 28-year-old Shahala Parveen and 45-year-old Muneer. The injured have been admitted to a hospital in Mysuru.

All the nine persons, after attending the house-warming ceremony of a relative in Kannur, were proceeding in a Renault Kiger SUV via Sultan Battery to Ooty in Tamil Nadu.

When they neared Maddayyanahundi in Gundlupet taluk, a truck transporting black mud to a tiles factory in Kerala illegally, rammed into the car. As the air bags in the car did not open, the impact was so much that Nasir and Nasira died on the spot while Mohi died at a hospital.

Police, who rushed to the accident spot, cleared the damaged truck and the car with the help of a crane and local residents and made way for smooth passage of vehicles. The bodies of Nasir and Nasira were shifted to the mortuary and the injured were shifted to a hospital. Truck driver Ranjith has suffered a fracture to his leg and has been admitted to a hospital, Police said.

Gundlupet Town Police have registered a case and senior Police officials visited the spot.

Following the accident, illegal transportation of black mud to Kerala has come to light and the Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

House burgled in city

Mysuru, May 4 (MK&KS)- Burglars, who entered house through the balcony, have made away with 14 grams gold jewellery from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of Natiha Khanum in Narasimharaja (NR) Police limits.

On Apr. 27, Natiha, along with her family members, had gone to her relative's house and when they returned at about 2.30 pm on May 1, the burglary came to light.

On inspecting the house, Natiha found the almirah forcibly opened and two finger rings weighing 9 grams and 5 grams stolen and lodged a complaint.

NR Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Gambling: 10 held, Rs. 53,010 stake money seized

Mysuru, May 4 (MK&KS)- In separate cases, Varuna Police and Mysuru Rural Police, who raided gambling dens in their jurisdictions, have arrested a total of 10 gamblers and seized Rs. 53,010 stake money from them.

In the first case, Varuna Police, who raided a gambling den, have arrested seven persons indulged in gambling and have seized Rs. 40,980 stake money from them.

Those arrested are Prasanna Kumar, Narayana Nayaka, Madhu, Naveena, Manjunath, Manu and Chandru, residents of Vajamangala in the taluk.

Following a tip off that gambling was taking place at a mango grove on May 1, Varuna Police raided the place at about 4 pm and arrested the gamblers besides seizing the stake money. Varuna Police have registered a case.

In the second case, Mysuru Rural Police, who raided a gambling spot under a tree on the lake bund, behind a house at Talur village in the taluk on May 2, have arrested 3 persons, who were among 7 persons indulged in gambling and seized Rs. 12,030 stake money from them.

Those arrested are Manjunathaswamy, Kumara and M. Kumar, residents of Talur village.

Four other gamblers fled from the spot during the raid.

A case has been registered against seven persons at Mysuru Rural Police Station.

Attempt to sell pangolin scales

One held, 320 grams pangolin scales, one cellphone seized

H.D. Kote, May 4 (KS)- The Forest Department officials and staff have arrested a person who was trying to sell pangolin scales and have seized the scales of the endangered animal from him.

The arrested has been identified as Harish, a resident of Metikuppe tribal hamlet in the taluk and the Cops have seized 320 grams pangolin scales and a mobile phone from him.

Following information about a person attempting to sell pangolin scales near Agasanahundi Bus Stand on Moorkal Main Road, Kasaba hobli in the taluk, Special Tiger Protection Squad ACF N. Manjunath, RFO Ramanjaneyalu and staff raided the spot and arrested Harish besides seizing the pangolin scales and mobile phone from him.

Accused Harish was remanded to Judicial Custody and was later released on bail.

Deputy RFOs Vinod, Santosh Kamanore, Khaleem Pasha, Appanna Kambale, Jyothikumar, Vinayakumar and Rangers

Mallikarjuna, M. Kavina, Suresh Poojari, Bola, Kala, Kalakalkar, Anand and others took part in the operation.

Obituary

Vimala Purushotham

Mysuru, May 4- Vimala Purushotham (72), wife of ex-serviceman late H.V. Purushotham and a resident of Siddarthanagar, passed away following age-related ailments this morning in city.

She leaves behind two daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

VOICE OF THE READER

On Kukkarahalli Lake Conservation DPR

Sir,

In response to the news item titled '*Amid row over Railway Underpass… No hint of DPR for Kukkarahalli Lake Conservation*' (*SOM* dated Apr. 16), I would like to draw your attention to a few more facts related to the matter.

Being an engineer and having worked quite extensively on urban tanks of Mysuru, I was one of the experts involved by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) in the initiative of preparing a DPR (Detailed Project Report) for the development of Kukkarahalli Lake, from almost the beginning.

Ever since INTACH was awarded the project, it has:

(i) Conducted a couple of meetings with the experts and the interested public.

(ii) Got a few important technical reports prepared by outsourcing the work (example, Hydrological planning was done by the National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, Soil investigations were done by Land and Offshore Foundations, Bengaluru).

(iii) Went on to organise a full-day workshop (on 22.6.2024), in which experts presented the various aspects of development and discussed them in separate groups of stakeholders, to formulate a feasible plan for the DPR, and **(iv)** Submitted an interim report to MUDA (now MDA) in September 2024.

As far as my knowledge goes, even though INTACH has earlier worked on a couple of projects of this nature, the Trust does not comprise a team which can handle matters related to hydrology, ecology and environment, water use, engineering of dams and related structures, which form the essential components of planning, construction and management of runoff harvesting structures (called tanks in the South Indian context).

It can now be guessed that INTACH, no doubt an honest and trustworthy organisation in the field of heritage conservation, believed that it could prepare a DPR by getting the necessary technical support from different consultants and agencies with expertise in the field.

The organisation could procure the first set of reports by spending the first instalment of grants from the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), which amounted to about Rs. 18 lakh, I understand.

However, it failed to go further ahead since the Trust was left high and dry without any further grants, as a result of MDA itself running into all sorts of troubles and not being in a position to attend to the agreement with the INTACH.

As a compensatory measure, it seems, the Trust submitted to MDA an 'Outline conservation plan', which contains certain recommendations that need to be implemented to save the lake from extinction.

Astonishingly, these recommendations are the same as those put forth by the experts involved in the process and emerging as the outcome of the stakeholders' workshop held earlier.

The recommendations regarding the feeder canal, included in the interim report, are nearly the same as those presented by me in my report to the DC submitted in 2018.

I believe the Trust will even be able to prepare the DPR if MDA revives the agreement and takes action to pay the amount due to INTACH.

This is so since the people and the experts in the field have stood by and helped the Trust in all its efforts, with the sole hope that at least an authentic DPR will motivate the Government to act.

However, the moot question that remains unanswered is: How feasible is it to award a project worth over Rs. 60 lakh, to an organisation which has absolutely no technical expertise in the field, particularly when at least a few institutions in the neighbourhood have been working on the issue for over four decades?

—Name withheld

Mysuru
22.4.2026

Selfie Factory, a new attraction at GRS Fantasy Park in Mysuru

Mysuru, May 4 - GRS Fantasy Park has opened ***GRS Selfie Factory,*** a 4,000 sq.ft. photo attraction with 20-plus themed sets at its facility located on Outer Ring Road in Metagalli, Mysuru.

The facility had a soft launch on Apr. 1 and was formally launched on Apr. 14, with over 30 local influencers attending the opening.

The attraction is housed on the ground floor, next to GRS Snow Park and is ticketed separately from the amusement and water park. Visitors do not need to enter the Fantasy Park to access it.

The sets include Neon Dreams, Tropical Paradise, Mystic Lights and Vintage Vibes and much more each designed as a standalone backdrop. An in-house café built inside a vintage Volkswagen van operates within the same space.

The venue can accommodate around 100 visitors per hour and has 10 employees hired specifically for the facility. **It is open from 10.30 am to 7 pm on weekdays and until 8 pm on weekends.**

Ashwin Dange, Director, Baliga Investments Private Limited, said "We have invested about Rs. 1 crore in this facility to give Mysureans and tourists a dedicated space for creating memories. The name is GRS Selfie Factory, but what we have built is really a venue for families, not just a stop for solo photographs. In the first three weeks alone, we have already taken bookings for wedding shoots and baby photo shoots, which tells us the appeal is broader than we had planned for."

"We are not aware of another themed photo studio of this scale operating in India. Having invested in GRS UpDown earlier and seen the footfalls that attraction has been generating from across Karnataka, we had the confidence to take this next step," he added.

The company expects GRS Selfie Factory to draw about one lakh ticketed visitors over its first year of operation.

GRS Fantasy Park has been operating in Mysuru for 26 years. It houses the amusement and water park, GRS UpDown, GRS Snow Park and GRS Selfie Factory, each ticketed separately.

Tickets to individual attractions, as well as discounted combo tickets covering multiple attractions, are available at *https://grs.fun/*.

Muslim Co-op. Bank fetes Neuro Surgeon

Mysuru, May 4 (AP&KS)- The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., New Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysuru, recently felicitated Neuro Surgeon Dr. Maqsood Ahmed at a function held at the Bank premises in city on him receiving a Gold Medal from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd), London, United Kingdom.

Dr. Maqsood Ahmed is currently serving as the Head, Department of Neuro Surgeon, at Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru and as Consultant Neuro Surgeon and Director of Al Ansaar Hospital.

Dr. Maqsood Ahmed had secured first rank in the exam conducted by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

Prof. Tim Mitchell, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, presented the Gold Medal to Dr. Maqsood Ahmed.

Bank President K.C. Shoukath Pasha, former President and present Director Dr. Abdul Ravoof and Vice-President Gulam Rabbani felicitated Dr. Maqsood Ahmed, for his achievement.

Dr. Abdul Ravoof presented the detailed academic qualification of Dr. Maqsood Ahmed.

Directors Dr. Surrayya Tarannum and Fayaz Pasha also spoke. Director of the Bank Mohamed Akram Shan proposed the vote of thanks.

Dr. Maqsood Ahmed thanked the Management of the Bank for recognising his achievement by honouring him.

Directors of the Bank, Incharge Chief Executive Officer Shaik Ibrahim, Senior Manager of Main Branch Syed Abdul Irfan and others were present.

11-member Mysore District Haj Co-ordinators Committee formed

Mysuru, May 4 (AP&KS)- Karnataka State Haj Committee Chairman Zulfiqar Ahmed Khan has nominated the following eleven members to Mysore District Haj Co-ordinators Committee.

The 11 nominated members are: Moulana Arshad Ahmed, former Corporator Sami Ulla Ajju, Moulana Syed Ibrahim Siddiqi, Mumtaz Ahmed, Asgar Pasha, Humayun Shariff, Rehman Khan, Fazil Chand, Kaleem, Prof. Naseemuddin and Mohamed Shariff, according to a press release from Azeez Ulla Ajju , Chairman of Mysore District Wakf Advisory Committee.

KILLER CURVE

Can a rope stop a fall?

The dangerous curve on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road with a stormwater drain next to it. Ridiculously, a rope has been tied along the edge of the road with pieces of cloth attached to warn motorists. Picture right shows an open drain along the road sans protective wall.

Mysuru, May 4 (BCT)- A hazardous curved stretch on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway between St. Philomena's College and Kempegowda Circle (Manipal Hospital signal junction), flanked by an open roadside drain, has become a major safety concern for commuters, particularly at night.

Residents of Bannimantap have urged the authorities to take immediate action to avert potential accidents.

The busy stretch, which witnesses heavy traffic throughout the day, has become accident-prone due to the absence of protective guardrails along the deep drain running alongside the road. Commuters warn that any vehicle losing control while negotiating the curve risks plunging into the drain, posing a serious threat to life.

A view of the dangerous curve during night.

Mahmood Bilal, a resident of Bannimantap, told *Star of Mysore* that instead of installing crash barriers or guardrails, a makeshift arrangement, a rope has been tied along the edge of the road with pieces of cloth attached.

"This appears to be more symbolic than a practical safety measure. The presence of an unprotected drain alongside a curved road is a serious hazard. If a vehicle loses control, especially at night, the consequences could be catastrophic," he said.

He added that the situation worsens during power cuts when visibility is poor and the curve is not clearly visible to approaching drivers. "The lack of reflective signage, proper lighting and effective warning systems has further increased the risk," he said.

Bilal said he had appealed to the Mysuru City Corporation, but no concrete measures have been taken so far. "Is the MCC waiting for a disaster to occur? Tying a rope between the road and the drain is neither adequate nor effective," he remarked.

"It does little to ensure commuter safety on a busy highway that sees thousands of vehicles daily. Such makeshift solutions cannot replace proper safety infrastructure on a high-risk stretch," he added.

Residents have called upon the authorities and the Mysuru City Traffic Police to take urgent steps, including installing guardrails, improving street lighting and putting up reflective signage along the stretch.

Mason loses vision after being assaulted by Head Constable

K.R. Nagar, May 4 (KS)- A man, who had gone to a bar to fetch liquor, was allegedly assaulted by a Head Constable (HC) in mufti resulting in the man losing his vision.

While the man, who lost his vision, is R. Swamy, a mason involved in laying tiles and a resident of Basavanahalli village near Belavadi in Mysuru taluk, the Head Constable, who assaulted Swamy is Parashuram.

Though the victim lodged a complaint with the Police, the Cops were dilly dallying to register a case, it is learnt.

In his complaint, Swamy has stated that following a festival at his friend's place he had gone to Harsha Bar on Mysuru-Hassan Road to purchase liquor during which a small quarrel took place.

R. Swamy *Parashuram*

He further stated that when he walked out of the bar, Head Constable Parashuram, who came on a bike in mufti, kicked him (Swamy) and when he pleaded that he has undergone treatment to his eye, Parashuram, who did not pay heed to his words, hit him near his eye with his fist causing a wound.

Later, Swamy got himself admitted to a hospital and the doctor, who performed surgery, told him that his left eye has been completely damaged and added that he now faces a bleak future with his wife and two daughters to be taken care of.

Swamy alleged that though the incident took place a week ago, Police are yet to register a case against Head Constable Parashuram and added that Parashuram was threatening him to take back the complaint.

Meanwhile, Inspector Shivaprakash said that an FIR has been registered against Head Constable Parashuram and added that staff of the bar Madhusudhan has been named as Accused-1 (A1), Ravi as A2 and HC Parashuram has been named as A3 in the FIR.

Mysuru youth murdered in Srirangapatna for revenge

Srirangapatna, May 4 (BLU& KS)- In an act of revenge, a Mysuru youth was allegedly hacked to death by a gang at a sapota farm on Nimishamba Temple Road in Srirangapatna last evening.

The deceased has been identified as Mohammed Shoaib (27), a second-hand car dealer and a resident of Ghousianagar in Mysuru. Those who brutally hacked him to death are said to be the brothers of Syed Sufiyan, a resident of Ghousianagar, who was allegedly stabbed to death at Ghousianagar in Mysuru in the morning of Nov. 26, 2025.

The murder of Shoaib is said to be an act of revenge over the murder of Sufiyan.

Yesterday at about 5.30 pm, when Shoaib was proceeding on Nimishamba Temple Road in Srirangapatna, a gang waylaid him, dragged him to the sapota farm, hacked him to death using lethal weapons and fled from the spot.

Srirangapatna Town Police, who reached the spot, conducted mahazar, shifted the body to Srirangapatna General Hospital besides registering a case.

The Cops, who have collected footages of CCTV cameras installed in the vicinity of the murder spot, went through the footages and saw the movements of the killers and have launched a hunt to nab them.

Masala Dosa ranks 6th in world's best pancakes list

New Delhi, May 4 (Agencies)- South India's breakfast king, the humble *Masala Dosa*, has secured the sixth spot on TasteAtlas' list of the world's 50 best pancakes, sharing space with global favourites such as French crêpes and Latvian potato pancakes.

From classic version stuffed with spiced potatoes to paper-thin varieties served with *chutney-sambar, dosa* has gained popularity beyond India.

In its May 2026 rankings, TasteAtlas placed *Masala Dosa* at No. 6 with a 4.3-star rating, making it one of the highest-ranked savoury pancakes on the list. *Dosa,* as a category, features at No. 15 with a 4.2 rating, while the crisp paper *dosa* is ranked 35th with a 4.1 rating.

The recognition is notable for Indian cuisine, as pancakes are widely associated with sweet dishes in many parts of the world. In contrast, *dosa* stands out for its savoury, fermented profile and distinctive flavour.

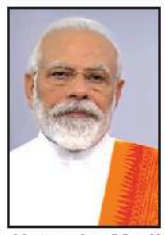
The top five features a mix of traditional and street-food favourites from across the globe. Latvia's *kartupeļu pankūkas* tops the list with a 4.4 rating, followed by France's *crêpes sucrées* with a similar score.

Classic French crêpes rank third with 4.3, alongside Nutella crêpes in fourth place with the same rating, while China's *jianbing* completes the top five with 4.3.

The list highlights the diversity of pancakes across cultures, with *dosa* firmly establishing itself as a global favourite beyond its South Indian roots.

Modi to visit BJP HQ this evening

New Delhi, May 4 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the BJP headquarters in Delhi today (May 4) evening, as election trends indicate a win for the saffron party in West Bengal and Assam.



Narendra Modi

The Prime Minister will likely address party workers at the BJP headquarters, as has been the case during previous election victories. "Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji will visit BJP HQ, New Delhi, today at 6 pm," BJP chief spokesperson Anil Baluni said in a post on X.

TVK eyes power in very first elections

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Tamil Nadu last witnessed such a turning point in 1967, when it became the first State to elect a regional party to power, ending the dominance of the Indian National Congress. Since then, governance has alternated between the DMK and the AIADMK, a pattern that now appears set for disruption.

A victory for Vijay would be historic on multiple counts. It is rare for a party to emerge as the single largest force in its debut election.

One of the few precedents dates back to 1983 in undivided Andhra Pradesh, when matinee idol N. T. Rama Rao led the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) to a sweeping victory over the Congress.

Formed in March 1982, the TDP came to power within nine months, a feat that remains one of the most remarkable in Indian political history.

Three years later, the AGP came to power in Assam in its first elections. The party, formed in October 1985, captured power in assembly elections held two months later. The Aam Aadmi Party in Delhi emerged as the second-largest party in Delhi in its very first elections in 2013.

DMK workers remove tents, party banners

Will TVK-AIADMK ally to form Tamil Nadu Government?

Chennai, May 4 (Agencies)- Supporters of Tamil Nadu's DMK expressed their anger by uprooting some party banners and poles at their office in Chennai after the assembly election numbers showed the ruling behind actor Vijay's TVK and the alliance led by the AIADMK.

Some wooden poles with posters of the party led by M.K. Stalin were seen fallen on the ground. Another set of DMK supporters said that they will erect the banners and poles back where they stood.

"We were upset. We will put back the things we removed," a DMK supporter said.

Many of them broke down in front of cameras. They expressed disbelief that the new party led by actor Vijay managed to win more seats than the traditional party.

Celebrations at Vijay's home

As soon as the trends were out, celebrations broke out at Vijay's residence. A video being widely shared on social media shows the actor's family, alongside his father, caught up in the moment with cheers, excited jumps, tight embraces and at least a few happy tears on display.

Outside, senior Police officials arrived on the scene and security was tightened, with party workers and fans expected to descend soon with congratulations in hand.

TVK's commanding early lead has brought back conversation about a possible alliance between Vijay's party and the AIADMK.

Both sides officially shut the door on a pre-poll alliance. Yet, with TVK's debut figures now out, the question of post-poll arithmetic remains on the table.

Congress retains Bagalkot, Davanagere South

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Meanwhile, in Davanagare South Constituency, Samarth Shamanur, grandson of late Shamanur Shivashankarappa, who was elected during the 2023 Assembly polls on a Congress ticket, won by a margin of 4,900 votes after 21 rounds of counting securing a total of 52,214 votes against Srinivas Dasakariyappa of BJP, who lost securing 45,198 votes.

The by-elections in both the Constituencies of North Karnataka were necessitated following the deaths of MLAs Shamanur Shivashankarappa (Davanagere South) and H.Y. Meti (Bagalkot).

Davanagere South By-polls

Strong rooms broken as keys go missing

Davanagere, May 4 (Agencies)- In what is termed a rare incident, the locks of three strong rooms where EVMs were stored at DRR School on PB Road here had to be broken this morning before the commencement of the counting of votes, as the keys went missing.

The counting of votes, which was to start at 7.30 am, was delayed by half an hour. A man, with a hammer and chisel, broke the locks with security personnel standing guard.

The locks of the strong rooms were broken in the presence of the Returning Officer (RO) Santosh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner (DC) G.M. Gangadhara Swamy and Election Observer Ramankanth.

Rising LPG prices

Public backlash likely: KPCC

Mysuru, May 4 (BLU&VNS)- KPCC spokesperson M. Lakshmana warned of a public backlash over the steep hike in prices of commercial LPG cylinders and other essential commodities.

Addressing reporters at Congress Bhavan in the city yesterday, he accused the Centre of burdening people by increasing cylinder prices soon after polling concluded in five States.

"BJP leaders had promised not to raise LPG prices, but did the opposite after the polls. Earlier hikes were in the range of Rs. 20 to Rs. 50, but the latest increase of Rs. 992 has come as a shock," he said.

Lakshmana claimed the hike would impact thousands of workers in the hospitality sector, including employees of hotels.

On flight services between Mysuru and Hyderabad, he said operations had only resumed and were not newly introduced. He also urged Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar to push for the expansion of the Mysore Airport runway and relocation of the National Highway project, which he said had stalled.

Referring to the SDJ Gold Company case, Lakshman said the State Government had no connection with the firm or its owner, Sounder Raj alias Chinnatambi, and alleged that some were unnecessarily dragging CM Siddaramaiah's name into the issue.

City Congress President R. Murthy, General Secretary M. Shivanna and Mahesh were present.

Sringeri Assembly Elections - 2023

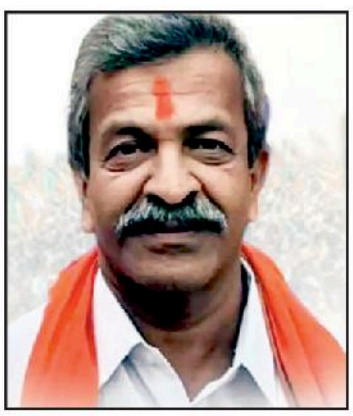
Postal ballot recount hands victory to BJP's Jeevaraj

Chikkamagalur, May 4- D.N. Jeevaraj of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has been declared the winner from the Sringeri Assembly Constituency in Chikkamagalur district, defeating Congress MLA T. D. Rajegowda by a margin of 52 votes following a recount of postal ballots.

Authorities handed over the election certificate to Jeevaraj this morning, officially declaring him the MLA from Sringeri for the remainder of the term.

The recount of 1,540 postal ballots, taken up on Saturday as per directions of the High Court, found 255 votes invalid.

At the end of the exercise, completed on Sunday, Jeevaraj secured a slender lead of 52 votes over Rajegowda, who had originally been declared the winner in the 2023 Assembly elections.

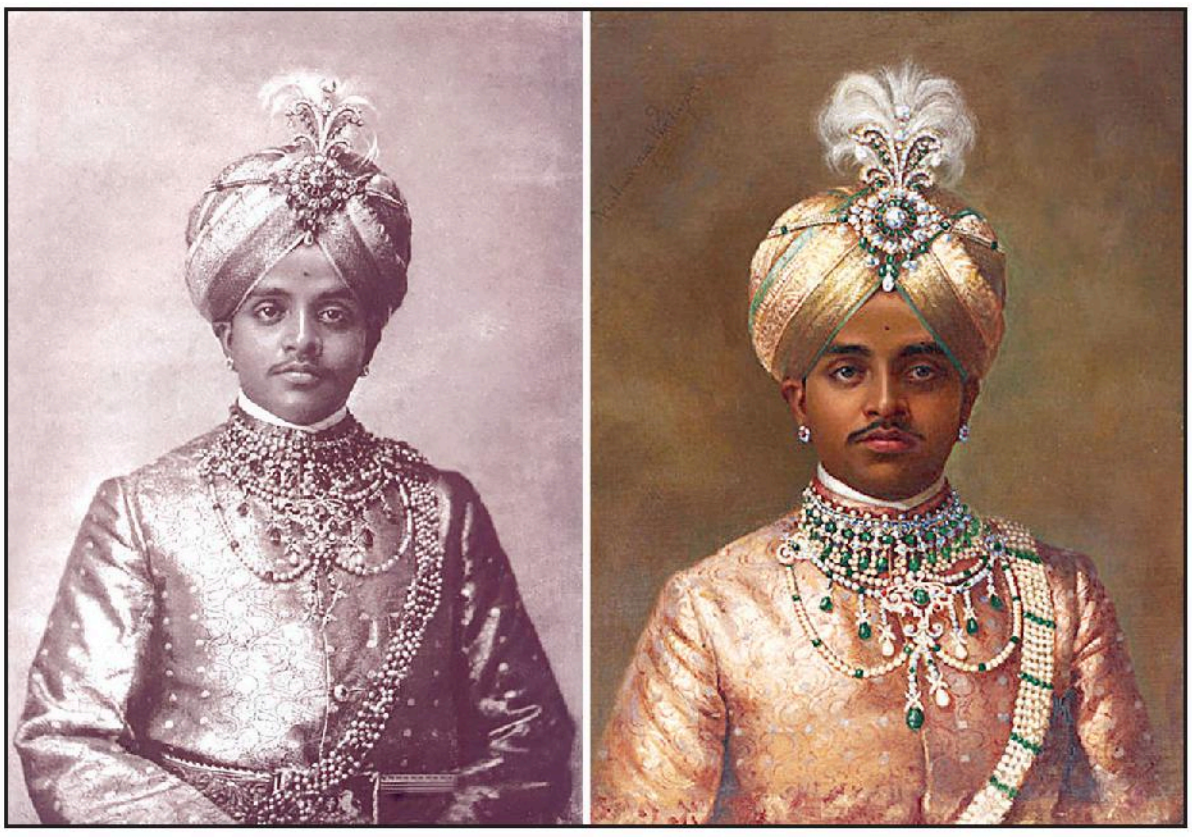


Jeevaraj

Jeevaraj had challenged Rajegowda's victory in the High Court, leading to the recount conducted by the Chikkamagalur district administration.

Vintage Vignettes
... from a Princely State

By R.G. Singh
Secretary, Ramsons Kala Pratishtana



1st January 1903. Delhi Coronation Durbar was a statement of paramount authority of the colonial power of the time. It was held at Delhi to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII, Emperor of India and Queen Alexandra. A commemorative volume of 250 copies was published in 1904.

Among the several portraits in the book, the official portrait of H.H. Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV based on a photograph by Barton, Son & Co., of Bangalore is reproduced here. This popular photograph was used as a basis for many oil portraits, like the one reproduced here, by court artist K. Keshavayya.

The Maharaja, a handsome lad of nineteen, is dressed in a shimmering salmon pink silk jacquard coat. He is adorned with European style jewellery which was in vogue and favoured among Indian royalty. The majestic aura of H.H. is richly offset by a riviere necklace consisting of several clawed collet strands which have been fashioned as an elegant choker. He sports a circular European style turban ornament fastened at the centre. These ornaments are matched with a typical heavy Indian style crossband and a broad, sturdy, flexible gold belt with the royal coat of arms of Mysore.

The painted photograph evidently shows that the choker consists of diamonds, cut emeralds, tear-drop pearls and emeralds while the crossband is teeming with pearls and emeralds.

His composed countenance belies the fact that he is just out of his teens and who has taken over the reins of the administration a mere six months earlier.

[Print from the book - Collection: Ramsons Kala Pratishtana; Painted Photograph - Collection: V&A Museum, UK]

Nation's progress and security possible through research and innovation: Prof. K.S. Rangappa

Mysuru, May 4- A one-day National Conference on 'Current Research and Innovations in Chemical Sciences-2026' (CRICS-2026) was organised by the Department of Chemistry, JSS College for Women (Autonomous), Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, recently.

In his keynote address, Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, opined that nation's progress and security can only be achieved through research and innovation.

Strongly emphasising that scientific research is not a luxury but an absolute necessity, Prof. Rangappa urged that research should become a habit and called for stronger academic-industrial collaboration.

He described chemical sciences as the backbone of innovation and noted that science involves not only obtaining results but also deeply understanding problems. He advised young researchers to persevere in their efforts to succeed in life.

Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate CRICS-2026 at JSS College in city recently as others look on.

Prof. K. Mantelingu, Director, College Development Council, University of Mysore, who was the chief guest, observed that the conference would foster scientific thinking. He highlighted the importance of green and eco-friendly energy sources in the future and stressed the role of innovation and research in addressing societal challenges.

Dr. Prashanth M. Vishwanath, Dean (Research), JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru, described Chemistry as the heart of discovery. Pointing out numerous future opportunities for Chemistry students, he encouraged students to cultivate curiosity and engage in research.

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) is opening new avenues for innovations in the field, he added.

Dr. Rechanna, Principal and Dr. E. Vijay Shekar, Head, Department of Post Graduate Chemistry, were present.

Disha D. Rao and group rendered the invocation. D.Y. Trupthi welcomed. R. Deeksha proposed the vote of thanks. S. Aparanji compered the event.

The inauguration was followed by three technical sessions and a paper presentation session.

The first technical session was delivered by Dr. Bishwajit Paul, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Bangalore University, Bengaluru.

The second technical session was delivered by Dr. B. Mahesh, Professor of Chemistry and Dean - Research, JSS Academy of Technical Education, Bengaluru.

The third technical session was delivered by Dr. Basappa, Chairperson, DoS in Organic Chemistry, University of Mysore. The sessions were chaired by Prof. K. Ajay Kumar, Department of Chemistry, Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru.

World Immunisation Day at JSS

Mysuru, May 4- The Department of General Medicine, JSS Medical College & Hospital, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSSAHER), observed World Immunisation Day-2026 at JSS Hospital recently. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Javeed Nayeem, Senior Physician.

Dr. Javeed Nayeem, Senior Physician, lighting the lamp to inaugurate World Immunisation Day at JSS Hospital recently as others look on.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Javeed Nayeem emphasised the importance of immunisation in prevention of deaths due to infectious diseases. He called upon the doctors to create awareness and remove the myths associated with immunisation in the society.

He further encouraged the doctors to take the initiative to work in rural areas and contribute to the upliftment of the health care.

Lauding the achievements of JSS institutions, he expressed his happiness at JSS Hospital for establishing full-fledged immunisation centre.

Hospital Director Dr. C.P. Madhu, who was the guest of honour, requested the public to utilise the services available at JSS centre.

Dr. M. Suresh Babu, Professor and HoD of Medicine, in his welcome address, shared the details of facilities available at the immunisation centre. Dr. M.C. Prasad, Deputy Medical Superintendent, proposed the vote of thanks.

The inauguration was followed by an educational lecture on 'Adult immunisation' by Dr. T. Thippeswamy, Professor of Medicine, JSS Medical College.

Launch of 'Hrudaya Spandana' Elder Care Centre on May 7

Mysuru, May 4- With the aim of introducing an innovative model for the care of destitute and homeless senior citizens, HEARt Organisation is set to launch the 'Hrudaya Spandana' Elder Care Centre in Mysuru on May 7.

Shivakumar

Established on 1.1.2022, HEARt Organisation has been actively working in the fields of health, education and rehabilitation. Over the past few years, the organisation has gained significant experience by closely engaging with marginalised and vulnerable communities, striving to improve their quality of life. It has directly observed the serious emotional, physical and social challenges faced by abandoned elderly individuals.

In response to this need, the

'Hrudaya Spandana' Elder Care Centre is being established at Kotehundi, near Ring Road in Mysuru. This centre is envisioned not merely as a shelter, but as a comprehensive model dedicated to the holistic well-being of senior citizens.

The centre will provide safe accommodation, nutritious food, basic healthcare services and emotional support. A highlight of this initiative is its focus on rebuilding relationships between elderly residents and their family.

Speaking about the initiative, Shivakumar, Founder of HEARt Organisation, said: "Senior citizens are invaluable assets to our society. Instead of neglecting them, we must honour their experiences and emotions. Through this initiative, we aim to reconnect them with their families and contribute towards rebuilding harmonious family systems."

HEARt Organisation appeals to the public, donors and social institutions to extend their support to this noble cause.

Arjuna Memorial at Hassan to open on May 6

Mysuru, May 4 (MTY&BCT)- Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar B. Khandre has announced that a memorial at the burial site of Arjuna, the famed Dasara elephant, will be inaugurated on Wednesday (May 6) at Yeslur in Hassan district.

Arjuna, who carried the golden howdah eight times during the Mysuru Dasara celebrations, was known for his imposing presence. He died on Dec. 4, 2023, while leading an elephant capture operation at Yeslur, an act that is said to have saved the lives of veterinarians and staff. His death was seen as a significant loss to the Forest Department.

The State Government had earlier announced plans to build memorials both at his burial site and at the Balle elephant camp in Nagarahole National Park.

While the Balle memorial, highlighting Arjuna's legacy and service, has already been inaugurated, the Yeslur memorial is now ready and will be opened to the public on May 6.

Both memorials feature statues of Arjuna, along with photographs documenting his role in elephant operations, wildlife rescue missions involving tigers and leopards and his participation in the Dasara procession.

Khandre said that although the Yeslur memorial had been ready for some time, its inauguration was delayed due to various reasons.

With preparations now complete, Hassan District Minister Krishna Byregowda, local legislators and other public representatives are expected to attend the event.

PROMOTIONAL FEATURE

When your body gives you a warning bell, PAY ATTENTION

Dr. Sandeep Benakal

At 40, your body rings a warning bell. If you don't pay attention, you'll be left in a corner.

If you miss a call on your mobile phone, don't you try to call back and find out what it is about? Similarly, when your body gives you a warning bell, pay attention to it without fail.

Our body gives us warning about possible future illnesses through signs of constant fatigue, weight loss, changes in skin tone or chronic pain. Joint pain is also a warning bell. It could be a symptom of arthritis.

When joint pain occurs, many people find temporary relief from the pain by taking painkillers, doing a hot water massage or getting an oil massage. But the pain disappears for the moment but it will reappear again. Remember, joint pain can be a symptom of arthritis or rheumatism. When joint pain occurs, do not ignore that warning bell. Consult your doctor immediately.

It is estimated that 14-15% of the population in India is affected by arthritis. Arthritis can occur in any joint of the body. There are more than a hundred types of arthritis and the most common ones are osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. Recently, it was estimated that adults in their 30s and 40s are suffering from rheumatoid arthritis.

Causes of Arthritis

Age, body weight, heredity, excessive pressure on the joints and high mental stress are the main reasons for arthritis. This has a bad effect on your joints. Immunity decreases, muscle tension increases, the ability to resist pain decreases and treatment does not become effective.

Always seek medical advice

Even if you experience minor joint pain in your forties or thirties, always seek medical advice. It could be a warning sign of a bigger problem to come. Always follow your doctor's advice. Don't do internet research and do not self-medicate.

Here are some tips if you are suffering from joint pain:

1. Apply a hot water bag or ice for short periods of time, several times a day.

2. Exercise. Start doing exercises like walking. Take the advice of your doctor and do only those exercises he/she recommends. Don't sit in one place for long periods of time. Get up and move around every hour.

3. Control your weight. It is better for those who suffer from joint pain to control their body weight. The reason behind many joint pain problems is body weight.

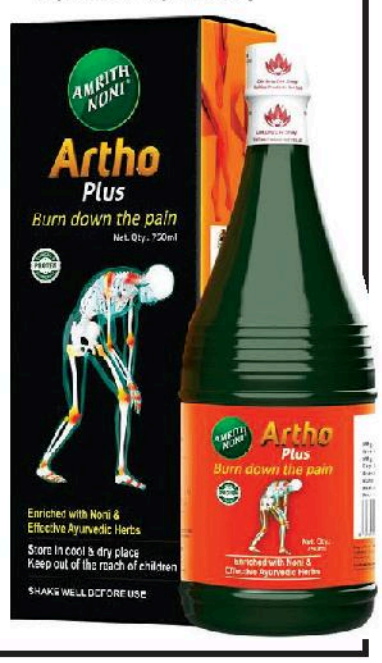
4. Focus on your diet. Eat vegetables and foods rich in protein and calcium. Drink the right amount of water. Get a good night's sleep for eight hours without fail.

5. Stop smoking and drinking alcohol today. This increases the risk of arthritis.

Pay attention to the warning bells your body gives. Practice a good lifestyle today.

Good habits are the way to a good life. Because, good habits are the foundation of good health.

[This article by Amrith Noni is in collaboration with Dr. Sandeep Benakal, an Ayurvedic doctor with 15 years of experience.]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Artho
Plus
Burn down the pain
Enriched with Noni & Effective Ayurvedic Herbs
Store in cool & dry place
Keep out of the reach of children
SHAKE WELL BEFORE USE

WORD OF THE DAY

Métier

Pronunciation: MET-yay (Noun)
Meaning: Métier, sometimes styled metier, is a formal word that refers to something that a person does very well.
Origin: Over the centuries, English has borrowed several French words related in some way to work or working, among them oeuvre ("a substantial body of work of a writer, an artist, or a composer") and travail ("work of a laborious nature, toil"). Métier (pronounced /MET-yay/) is another. It is sometimes translated from its original French as "job" or "career" but in that language it more accurately refers to the trade or profession in which one works (it traces back to the Old French mistier, meaning "duty, craft, profession"). In English we tend toward a narrower meaning for métier, referring either to a job for which one is perfectly suited or a particular field in which one is extremely skilled. This makes it a synonym of another French borrowing, forte.
Example: "Turning from his father's trade of corset-making, [Thomas] Paine tried his hand at business, met and impressed Benjamin Franklin in London, sailed to America, and there found his true metier as a pamphleteer and radical." —Matthew Redmond, The Conversation, 9 Oct. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Machair

Low-lying sandy beach.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve

Meaning: You use the phrase 'Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve' to indicate that someone is displaying emotion openly.
Origin: The term 'wear your heart on your sleeve' derives from a middle age custom in which jousting knights wore the colors of the ladies they were supporting on their sleeves. The expression is first recorded in Shakespeare's *Othello* in 1604 as Iago attempts to appear faithful: It is sure as you are Roderigo, were I the Moor, I would not be Iago: In following him, I follow but myself; heaven is my judge, not I for love and duty, But seeming so, for my peculiar end: For when my outward action doth demonstrate the native act and figure of my heart In compliment extern, 'tis not long after But I will wear my heart upon my sleeve for daws to peck at: I am not what I am.
Example: "I can tell Jenny is upset; she wears her heart on her sleeve."

QUOTE BOX

The limits of the possible can only be defined by going beyond them into the impossible. **—Arthur C. Clarke**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Big fish in a little pond.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

7	9	8	1	3	5	2	4	6
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4	1	7	6	9	2	3	8	5
6	8	5	7	1	3	4	9	2
2	3	9	4	5	8	8	7	1
9	4	3	5	2	1	8	6	7
5	7	1	3	8	6	9	2	4
8	2	6	9	4	7	1	5	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Navigation, abbr.
4 Standard in short?
7 Payment for work done
11 Single unit
12 Spanish gold
13 Working (2,2)
14 Time span
17 Printing term - "Leed" anagram?
18 144 inches? (6,4)
20 Suck dry
22 Freudian terms
23 Taxi in the US
24 Prankish spirit
27 Car safety device (3,3)
31 Neither a borrower nor a ___ be?
33 __ __ spade a spade : be forthright (4,1)
34 Application
35 Large deciduous trees
37 Gem face
39 Father of India's nuclear programme (4,6)
42 Ebrahim ___ was overthrown by Baber
43 A state of trouble (3,5)
46 Completes or finishes
47 City in Nigeria
48 And so on abbr.
49 20th letter of Hebrew alphabet
50 Reg. Sales Mngr.
51 Tap gently

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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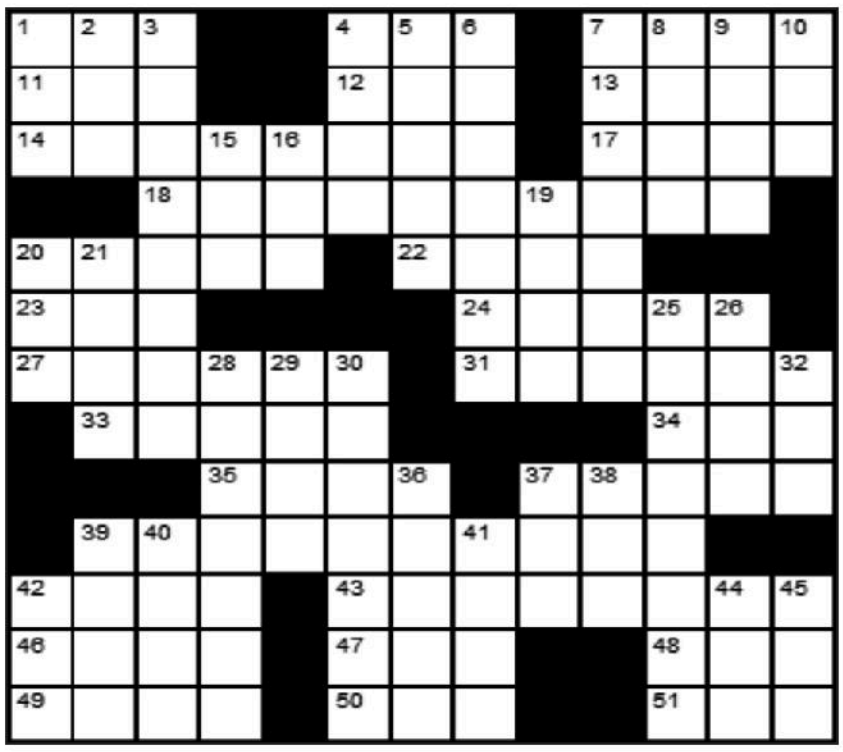
DOWN

1 Incline the head
2 Music director Malik
3 Segment of spinal column
4 Dirty mark, filth or reuse matter
5 Store of treasure
6 It is in Ireland - "Glad one" anagram?
7 Walks into the water (5,2)
8 It fits to _ ___ (it fits perfectly) (1,3)
9 Gold-coloured
10 Estimated Time En route
15 Fearful reverence
16 Spread out for drying
19 The warning cry of a golfer
20 Boeing Commercial Airplanes
21 Not of the clergy
25 Well-read
26 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country ?
28 Defect, stain or flaw
29 ___ ___ have : everything that is owned by me? (3,1)
30 Former Opener Gautam ____
32 Soap flax
36 Exhibits or displays
37 Fly-by-wire
38 What you might say when you make a discovery
39 Whetstone for sharpening
40 They are offered by bookmakers
41 Elementary particle
42 Gaelic sea god
44 Estimated Time of Arrival
45 Bangalore based IPL team



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CZULIFD, PWJN EIWOD, HFIV QNCF CD ULNK HFIV IPQ;

WU WD ULN FZDU VN XCPZN, OIU ULN HIPQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: We are moving toward a dictatorship of relativism, which does not recognize anything as for certain except one's own ego and one's own desires.

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  Patriot (Ma) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** Mob: 98863-25207
  Dacoit (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

KD: The Devil (K)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.10 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.05 pm
		10.05
Ek Din (H)	(S-2)	10.25 am, 7.30 pm
Kara (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm, 4.15 pm
Michael (E)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.35 am
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 4 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 7.40 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	(S-3)	3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Patriot (Ma)	(S-4)	9.40 am, 6.45 pm
		10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

KD: The Devil (K)	:	10 am, 1 pm
		3.50 pm, 6.40 pm
		9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	1.45 pm, 6 pm, 9.30 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	3.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	4 pm, 8.30 pm

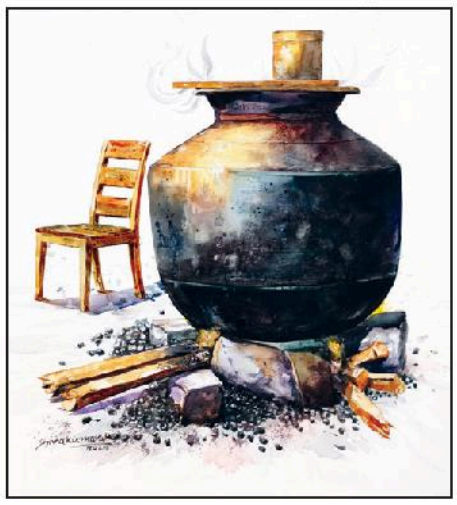
MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.30 am, 10.30 am, 12:25 pm
		1.25 pm, 4.20 pm, 6.15 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Ek Din (H)	:	10.40 am, 1.50 pm, 7.50 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	11.05 am
Michael (E)	:	12 noon, 3.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	12.15 pm, 4 pm
		6.35 pm, 10.15 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	1.20 pm, 7.35 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	2.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Kara (Ta)	:	3.50 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	4.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.20 am, 9.55 am, 12.15 pm
		12.50 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.05 pm
		7.20 pm, 9 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	9.50 am, 4.25 pm
Kara (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 1.10 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	12.30 pm, 3.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Ek Din (H)	:	4.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	6.40 pm

Selected for Karnataka Lalithakala Academy's *Varnashree* award



Art works titled 'Last Bath' and 'Final Stage' by Sivakumara H. Doddarasinakere of Mysuru.

Sivakumara

Mysuru, May 4- City-based artist Sivakumara H. Doddarasinakere has been selected for the 'Varnashree' award given by Karnataka Lalithakala Academy for the year 2025-26. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation, said Academy President P.S. Kumar.

A resident of Vagdevinagar, Sivakumara has established an art school, named 'Aramane School of Arts,' and takes drawing and painting classes.

Sivakumara, who has been serving the art field for over 30 years, has been honoured with All India Dasara Award in Painting and Landscape during the years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2023; Kalatapasvi Award-2008, Janapada Chetna Award-2017 and Namma Ravi Varma Award-2022.

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 5)

- **Banter Babu Publication, Mysuru:** World Cartoonists Day, 'War and Peace' Cartoon Expo by *SOM* Cartoonist & Fulbrighter M.V. Nagendra Babu, Pramati Educational Institutions Founder H.V. Rajeev inaugurates, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal delivers keynote address, Sculptor L. Shivalingappa presides, art patron & senior social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee will be present, Mysore Art Gallery, Ramanuja Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Sri Annapoorneshwari and Balamuri Ganapati Temple, 2nd Main, Lakshmipuram:** 21st Anniversary Celebrations coinciding with Sankashtahara Chaturti, Panchamruta Abhisheka, **5 pm;** Maha Ganapati and Annapoorneshwari Homa, **6.30 pm;** Purnahuti, **8 pm;** Mahamangalarati and prasada distribution, Temple premises, **8.30 pm.**
- **Adamya Rangashale and V.K. Public School:** Valedictory of 'Balangochi' Children's Summer Camp, Adamya Kayakayogi Award Presentation and Children's Drama Show, former Syndicate Member of University of Mysore Dr. E.C. Ningaraj Gowda inaugurates, V.K. Public School Secretary Ravikumar Bekya presides, Aramya Rangashale Hon. Secretary and Writer T. Satish Javaregowda delivers keynote address; Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar will present 'Adamya Kayakayogi Award' to K.M. Doddi's Bharathi College of Education Principal Dr. S.L. Suresh (Education), Senior Journalist Grish Hunasur (Media), Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Vikasa Vedike State President H.L. Yamuna (Organising) and hotelier T. Sham (Industry and Social Work); Staging of pay 'Male Huccha' and 'Gubbi mattu Gopi' by children of summer camp, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Kara (Ta)	:	9.30 am, 3.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	9.30 am, 4 pm, 6.45 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.50 am, 12.45 pm, 1.05 pm
		3.40 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.35 pm
	:	9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	10.30 am, 4.55 pm
Ek Din (H)	:	12.50 pm, 7.35 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	1.05 pm, 10:20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Kara (Ta)	:	9 am, 12.15 pm, 7.05 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.10 am, 10.20 am, 12.05 pm
		1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 4.55 pm
		6.50 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	10.40 am, 7.50 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	1.20 pm, 3.30 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	3 pm, 10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

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TODAY'S MATCH MAY 4

MUMBAI INDIANS Vs LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS

MI Vs **LSG**
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Mumbai, **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH MAY 5

DELHI CAPITALS Vs CHENNAI SUPER KINGS

DC Vs **CSK**
Arun Jaitley Stadium,
Delhi, **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

SRH 165 all out (19 overs)
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Ch. Hill Nandi Statue Road works in final phase

Marking for deck construction work to drain rainwater begins

Mysuru, May 4 (BLU&BCT)- The retaining wall works between the View Point and the Nandi Statue atop Chamundi Hill is nearing completion, with the focus now shifting to the construction of decks to channel rainwater safely.

Officials from the Public Works Department (PWD) said that once the deck work is completed, the stretch will be asphalted and reopened to vehicular traffic within the next three months.

Suspended since 2019

Vehicular movement on the Nandi route has remained suspended since 2019, after heavy rains triggered landslides.

The stretch has witnessed multiple collapses over the years. A minor landslip was reported in 2019, followed by a major landslide on Oct. 20, 2021, at nearly the same spot.

Subsequently, on Oct. 31, 2021, about 80 per cent of the road was affected in another slide. A third landslide occurred on Nov. 4, 2021, barely 10 metres from the Oct. 20 site.

The prolonged closure has hindered devotees' access to the Nandi monolith, particularly during Dasara, when the site holds special religious significance.

Marking work to prepare for deck construction currently underway on the Nandi Statue Road, where the retaining walls have been built.

To ensure long-term stability and prevent further landslides, the project has been designed with technical inputs from experts at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru.

The work was taken up under two tender packages, one valued at Rs. 9.75 crore and the other at Rs. 4.98 crore, covering retaining wall construction, deck installation and road asphalting.

With the retaining wall works almost complete, engineers are now concentrating on building culverts and decks to facilitate smooth drainage of rainwater along the slope.

"Marking for deck construction at road level has been taken up. Once this is completed, the decks will be concreted, following which the road will be asphalted and the Nandi route reopened to vehicular traffic," said V. Mahadevaswami, Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD, Mysuru.

Officials pointed out that rainwater stagnation could trigger fresh landslides, making proper drainage a critical component of the project.

As Chamundi Hill falls within a forest zone, construction activity is restricted to between 6.30 am and 6.30 pm to minimise disturbance to wildlife.

At present, a few vehicles are cautiously using the mud track, but full traffic will be permitted only after the deck work and asphalting are completed.

The PWD has assured that the Nandi route will be reopened to the public once the final phase of the project is completed, restoring a key access road atop Chamundi Hill.

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